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EMPLOYMENT REPORT

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The monthly U.S. jobs report will be released as scheduled Friday despite earlier concerns that Superstorm Sandy might force the Labor Department to delay its release. The report on hiring and the unemployment rate for October will be the final jobs report before Election Day on Tuesday. Department officials had said earlier in the week that they intended to release the report on time, but they didn't rule out a delay. Much of the final work on the monthly jobs report must be done inside secure government buildings, and federal offices were closed Monday and Tuesday. Department officials said some employees came in Tuesday to work on the report. Government offices reopened Wednesday.

ECONOMY LATEST

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U.S. home prices gained further traction in August as some of the hardest hit regions continued to improve in the latest sign that the housing market is on the mend. The S&P/Case Shiller composite index of 20 metropolitan areas released on Tuesday gained 0.5 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis, in line with economists' forecasts. It was the seventh straight month of increases, extending the longest continuous string of gains since prices were boosted by a homebuyer tax credit in 2009 and 2010. The stabilization in home prices this year, along with a rise in sales and tighter inventories, has pointed to a housing market that is finally turning the corner, six years after its far-reaching collapse.

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JOBS REPORT

PABLO SANCHEZ. WASHINGTON, DC

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U.S. employers stepped up hiring in October and the jobless rate ticked higher as more workers restarted job hunts, a hopeful sign for a lackluster economy that has dragged on President Barack Obama's

reelection chances. Employers added 171,000 people to their payrolls last month, the Labor Department said on Friday. The government also said 84,000 more jobs were created in August and September than initially estimated. The jobless rate edged a tenth of a point higher to 7.9 percent, but that was due to a surge of workers back into the workforce. Only people who have recently looked for a job can count as unemployed. The employment data was the last major report card on the economy before Tuesday's presidential election, which pits Obama against Republican Mitt Romney. While the rise in the jobless rate was expected, the increase in payrolls beat even the most optimistic forecast in a Reuters poll.

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ABORTION ARIZONA

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A federal appeals court panel on Monday sharply questioned lawyers defending an Arizona law that bans late-term abortions starting at 20 weeks of pregnancy except in medical emergencies, which opponents say is the toughest in the United States. In San Francisco, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard the case after it blocked the Republican-backed Arizona law from going into effect earlier this year. Three abortion providers challenged the law in court. The Arizona law bars doctors from performing abortions starting at 20 weeks of pregnancy, except in medical emergencies, and could send doctors who perform them to jail. The American Civil Liberties Union, which is suing to stop the law, said it was more extreme than similar laws elsewhere, because the way Arizona measures gestation means it would bar abortions two weeks earlier than in other states.

MARIHUANA LEGAL

VO :20

Colorado and Washington are now the first U.S. territories to legalize the sale, possession, and use of marijuana as a drug. According to preliminary data, more than 53 percent of citizens from both states approved the legalization of the plant in referendums held yesterday, a step that federal laws describe as an illegal drug. These proposals approve the possession for personal use of up to 28.5 grams of cannabis for people over 21, in addition to its commercialization in shops under state license and corresponding tax payment. Unofficial estimates states that the legitimacy of drug sales will channel only in Washington about \$500 million dollars a year into the coffers of the northern department via tax.

SAME SEX MARRIAGE

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Voters in Maryland, Maine and Washington state approved same-sex marriage on Tuesday, marking the first time marriage rights have been extended to same-sex couples by popular vote. The vote was hailed as a watershed moment by gay rights activists. While same-sex unions have been legalized in six states and the District of Columbia by lawmakers or courts, voters had consistently rejected doing so. Voters in more than 30 states have approved constitutional bans on gay marriage.

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USA HEALTHCARE DEBATE

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The United States public remains largely split over President Barack Obama's healthcare law, as the country's businesses face grave concerns about surging costs, reports say. Although the 'Affordable Care Act', passed in 2010, will not be fully in force until 2014, billions of dollars have already been distributed and the wheels of reform have begun to turn. By 2014, companies with more than 50 employees will be required to offer health coverage to employees working at least 30 hours a week. Employers in hospitality services and retail sector will be the worst affected, according to a survey by consulting firm Mercer. Californian restaurant owner Sabio Vasquez said he is still "confused" about how the health plan works, despite his support for the Affordable Care Act. "What are gonna be the choices 1/8referring to healthcare options 3/8, you know? And which is gonna be best for us? So yeah, I'm as confused as anybody else here," said Mr. Vasquez, whose Tied House Cafe hires 70 people on a full-time basis as well as a few part-time ones.

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IMMIGRATION TALKS IN CONGRESS

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Two U.S. senators launched a fresh move to put together a bipartisan immigration reform plan on Sunday, restarting talks on a proposal that includes a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants already in the country. Since President Barack Obama was re-elected last week with overwhelming support from Hispanic voters, many Republicans have expressed a new willingness to work with Democrats to pass immigration reform after years of legislative inaction. Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Democratic Senator Charles Schumer said he and Republican Senator Lindsey Graham have agreed to resume talks on immigration reform that broke off two years ago. Obama in 2010 called the proposal backed by Graham and Schumer a "promising framework," but it made no headway. There are an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States, most of them Hispanics.

MARYLAND DREAM ACT

GALO ARELLANO. MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Voters in Maryland today approved Question 4, a ballot measure that allows Maryland students regardless of immigration status to pay in-state tuition at Maryland universities if they've graduated from a Maryland high school and fulfilled other requirements. Election results from 60.7% of precincts reporting indicate that Question 4 passed by a wide margin of 57.5% to 42.5%. The Obama Administration announced that it will stop deporting and begin giving work permits to young adults who came to the U.S. as children (often referred to as "DREAMers"). Though this policy, known as "deferred action," provides a critical stopgap measure, it does not provide a permanent solution to the problem.

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IMMIGRATION REFORM AFTER ELECTIONS

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Before Republicans tackle wholeheartedly any comprehensive immigration reform, many lawmakers will probably have to be convinced of one thing: Will it actually win them Hispanic votes? More than 70 percent of Hispanic voters chose President Obama last week, confirming his preelection prediction that Republicans couldn't win the presidency with xenophobic zeal that alienates Hispanics or with out-of-touch proposals such as Mitt Romney's suggestion that illegal immigrants opt for "self-deportation."

IMMIGRANT WORKERS AFTER SANDY

NAYELI CHAVEZ-GELLER / NEW YORK

PKG 1:50

More than two weeks after Hurricane Sandy hit New York City, residents of storm-battered communities from Coney Island to Long Beach are still living with darkness, squalor and a growing sense that they've been abandoned by official response. But as public frustration mounts, the emergency responders, manual laborers and utility workers on the front lines have their own frustrations. Many are laboring under precarious work conditions while their own neighborhoods still struggle to recover from storm damage.

WOMEN DRIVERS LICENSE

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More women than men now have a driver's license, according to a new study by the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute, or UMTRI, that looked at gender trends in driver's licenses between 1995 and 2010. The gap is expected to continue widening, with the study showing that the number of Americans with a driver's license has been shrinking over the past 15 years. The rate of decline for 25- to 29-year-old men has been twice as large as for women.

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ARIZONA SEGREGATION STUDIES

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A federal judge ruled there were "vestiges" of segregation in the district and the desegregation order was given. The proposed Unitary Status Plan is the second in the last few years. TUSD Superintendent John Pedicone says the old plan did not look at outcomes or results. Pedicone says he likes the elements of the new plan that address those concerns.

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MOST AMERICANS SUPPORT CITIZENSHIP

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Following an election that highlighted the critical Latino vote, a new ABC News/Washington Post poll shows that most Americans support a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants. The poll showed that 57 percent of Americans support a path for citizenship, while 39 percent opposed such a policy. The results have remained unchanged since the last time this question was asked in mid-2010. Since then, the Obama administration has made it easier for illegal immigrants to earn work permits, though it has not addressed citizenship directly. Among the Hispanics polled 82 percent supported a path to citizenship, while 71 percent of Democrats and 69 percent of young adults showed support. Among white respondents, the number fell to 51 percent. Several high-profile Republicans have said in recent days that the GOP needs to do a better job at reaching out to Latino voters, pledging to look into new immigration policies. President Obama has also said immigration reform is one of his top second-term priorities. The president won 71 percent of Latino voters, compared to 27 percent for Mitt Romney.

TOYOTA RECALL

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Toyota is recalling more than two-and-a-half million Prius second generation models worldwide. The recall was prompted by problems with the vehicle's steering shaft and electric-powered motor pumps. Toyota says the vehicles could be damaged and neglect to switch into hybrid mode if they aren't fixed. 670-thousand of the recalled vehicles were sold in the U-S, the others are spread across Japan and Europe. The automaker plans to notify affected owners by mail starting in December. This is Toyota's second major recall in as many months.

ALCOHOL PREGNANCY

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Women who drink even moderate amounts of alcohol while pregnant may risk lowering child's intelligence levels, according to a study by British scientists. Advice to pregnant women about drinking is contradictory, with some guidelines recommending no alcohol at all and others suggesting the odd drink

now and then is safe. But in a study described as ``hugely important" by one expert, researchers using genetic analysis of more than 4,000 mothers and children found that drinking between one and six units of alcohol a week during pregnancy can lead to lower Intelligence Quotient (IQ) scores by the time a child is eight.

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